

A wise man once said, "Home is where the heart is." That may be true, but many people believe that it's good to get out and explore the lands. I think that one of the best places in the world to go to would be Alaska. This beautiful land has remained pure for its entire life as a state. It also has the amazing and rare humpback whales, plus there is a rich history of totem poles. These features make Alaska what it is: a wonderful place to see.

Throughout the years of hard pollution and global warming Alaska has come out with the least amount of damage. It has an unspoiled atmosphere that can make one feel as though they are breathing in heaven. The wilderness is amazing because (for the most part) it has remained unharmed by logging and other hazards like fires and toxic waste. The wildlife is free and quite an amazing thing to witness. For example, you wake up in the morning and look out your window and see a bear or maybe even a moose. These creatures are abundant because the wilderness is in good condition.

To see the rare humpback whale in the waters of Alaska is not uncommon. They sing beautiful songs that can warm the coldest heart. Also, the humpback whale is an endangered species and Alaska is one of the few places they are seen. These gigantic creatures breach out of the water and it is truly an amazing sight to behold. The humpback whales are only one of the many things that makes Alaska the place that I want to go.

Last of all are the towering totem poles. These gorgeous

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works of sculpture were made by various Native American tribes in Alaska. They can depict things from ancient battles to the idols they worshipped. The brilliant crimson and aqua-marine paint only aggrandize the magnificence of these totems. They are very beatiful and are another great reason to go to Alaska.

In conclusion, it has a clean terrain, the rare singing whales, and the towering totem poles. When you put all these features of Alaska together you have a fantastic place to visit.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer's reasons for visiting Alaska are specific (the land has remained pure, the humpback whale, and the totem poles) and well developed. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are clearly displayed and sustained (unspoiled atmosphere that can make one feel as though, gigantic creatures breach out of the water, and brilliant crimson and aqua-marine paint only aggrandize the magnificence). The response is complete and well organized.

